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Man Pleads Guilty to Killing Mother of Five - Also Shot a Second Victim -

WASHINGTON - Tyren Devin Hyman, 32, of the 5000 block of Fitch Street SE, Washington, D.C., has pleaded guilty to second degree murder while armed and assault with intent to kill for the August 2007 killing of one woman and the shooting of another. The guilty plea, announced today by U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., took place Thursday, Aug. 19 before the Honorable Judge Gerald I. Fisher of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

Hyman faces a statutory maximum term of 55 years of imprisonment. Sentencing is scheduled for October 22, 2010.

According to the Government's investigation and factual proffer, on Aug. 15, 2007, the decedent, LaDonna Carter, 31, and another woman were introduced to and spent the evening with Tyren Hyman and one of his male acquaintances. During the evening, Hyman became convinced that Ms. Carter stole money from him, which she denied.

On Aug. 16, 2007, shortly before 1:55 a.m., Hyman drove the women to the 3600 block of Bangor Street SE, where they were made to exit his vehicle. Hyman, who was armed with a .40-caliber pistol, shot Ms. Carter's friend in the stomach, causing her to fall to the ground. Fearing for her life, Ms. Carter tried to flee. While firing repeated shots from his .40-caliber pistol, the defendant pursued Ms. Carter.

Ms. Carter, mother of five, was shot repeatedly and collapsed amidst a group of trash cans, where her body was subsequently discovered by police. Hyman then returned and stood over Ms. Carter's friend, firing repeated shots into her body. An autopsy determined that all of Ms. Carter's five gunshot wounds were from behind. At the time of the murder and shooting, Hyman was on federal supervised release.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the work of the Metropolitan Police Department, especially Detectives Manuel Gaffney, Gail Russell-Brown, Detective Sgt. Daniel Wagner, King Watts, and William Xanten. He also commended the work

of MPD Mobile Crime Officers Kemper Agee and Tina Ramadhan, the laboratory work of MPD Biologist Candice Larry and DNA Examiner Jennifer Zeffer, and the forensic work of Firearms Examiner Michael Mulderig. Mr. Machen additionally praised the work of Paralegals Marian Russell and Sandra Lane, as well as, Litigation Technology Specialist Kimberly Smith. Finally, he thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Gripkey, who indicted and prosecuted the case.

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